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DECLARATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A DEVICE, the specification of which

[ ] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed on September 29, 1999, as Application Serial No.09/408,450, Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ [if applicable].

[ ] was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ the United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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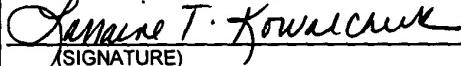
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As assignee of record of the entire interest of the presently filed application (Attorney Reference Number P-4279D1D1) with serial number to be assigned filed July, 24, 2003 which is a divisional of US Application Number 09/974,829 filed October 12, 2001, which is a divisional of US Application Number 09/408,450 filed September 29, 1999, now US Patent Number 6,331,266 issued December 18, 2001, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and the following attorneys and agents associated with customer number:

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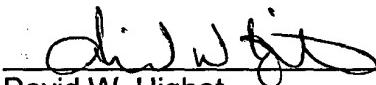
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The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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